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Honorable J. Frederick Motz **United States District Court** for the District of Maryland 101 West Lombard Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

> Re: Judith Nixon v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., et al. Civil Action No. JFM-03-327

Dear Judge Motz:

This letter is written on behalf of both the plaintiff and the defendants in this case. The parties respectfully request that the Your Honor refer the case to one of the Court's Judge Magistrates for mediation. The plaintiff and both of the defendants have consented to the mediation process. The parties are willing to schedule a mediation session with the designated Judge Magistrate at the Court's earliest convenience. In addition, the parties would request that the Court stay the current scheduling order.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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